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PROMOTION OF PAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote and protect the Indian paper industry;

(b) whether this industry is facing hardships due to non-availability of raw material and non-utilization of modern technique; and

(c) the corrective measures taken in this regard and the outcome thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The Indian Paper Industry is facing shortage of good quality cellulosic raw material. Most of the Paper Mills are using old and obsolete technology. In order to promote the Paper Industry, the steps taken by Government include rationalization of tax structure, delicensing and decontrol of the Paper Industry and 100% FDI through automatic route. The Government is in the process of formulating Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for Paper Industry and 'in principle' approval of Planning Commission has been received.